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ALL NEAR EASTERN AND SOUTH ASIAN DIPLOMATIC POSTS

IMMEDIATE

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CINCPAC, CINCEUR AND CINCLANT FOR POLAD

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: MARR

SUBJECT: CARRIER TASK GROUP IN INDIAN OCEAN

1. DOD PRESS BRIEFING OCTOBER 30 CONTAINED FOLLOWING  
ON TASK GROUP:

QUOTE:

A: AS YOU KNOW, WE DO OPERATE FLEET UNITS FROM TIME  
TO TIME IN THAT INDIAN OCEAN, NOT REGULARLY. WE LIKE TO  
BE ABLE TO DO THAT WHENEVER ITS APPROPRIATE. THE HANCOCK  
HAD BEEN ALERTED WHEN ALL OF PACOMS FORCES WERE ALERTED.  
THAT ALERT, OF COURSE, IS OFF FOR BOTH THE COMMAND AND  
THE HANCOCK AND ITS ACCOMPANYING SHIPS BUT IT WAS STILL  
THERE SAILING IN THE GENERAL VICINITY AND IT SEEMED LIKE  
AN OPPORTUNE TIME FOR IT TO SPEND SOME TIME IN THE  
INDIAN OCEAN WHICH IT IS DOING TOTALLY WITHOUT RELATION  
TO THE SOVIETS IN THE MEDITERRANEAN.

Q: WHAT MAKES THIS AN OPPORTUNE OR APPROPRIATE TIME  
THEN?

A: IT WAS THERE AND IT WAS AVAILABLE AND IT HAD BEEN  
ALERTED AND THEREFORE THE TASK GROUP WAS GATHERED AND  
WAS STEAMING TOGETHER. IT WAS IN THE VICINITY. WE DO  
LIKE TO BE IN THE INDIAN OCEAN FROM TIME TO TIME SO THERE  
IT IS.

Q: IS THERE ANYTHING IRREGULAR OR UNUSUAL ABOUT THE  
SOVIET SHIP MOVEMENTS IN THE INDIAN OCEAN?

A: NO.

Q: THE HANCOCK IS NOW IN THE INDIAN OCEAN?

A: YES, I THINK YOU WOULD BE SAFE TO SAY THAT IT'S  
AT SEA IN THE INDIAN OCEAN.  
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Q: IS IT GOING TO MAKE ANY PORT CALLS OR ANYTHING  
LIKE THAT?

A: RIGHT NOW THE BEST I CAN DO IS SAY IT IS IN THE  
INDIAN OCEAN. IF IT MAKES ANY PORT CALLS WE WILL LET  
YOU KNOW.

UNQUOTE

2. COMMENT ON THE OPERATION OF THIS TASK GROUP SHOULD BE LIMITED TO ABOVE PRESS BRIEFING. DISCUSSION SHOULD AVOID ANY SPECULATION CONCERNING POSSIBLE FUTURE MOVEMENTS, LENGTH OF STAY, POSSIBLE PORT VISITS OR ANY OTHER POSTULATED REASONS FOR BEING IN THE INDIAN OCEAN.

3. WOULD APPRECIATE PROMPT REPORTS OF ANY LOCAL REACTION, PUBLIC OR OFFICIAL, TO FOREGOING. KISSINGER

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